

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Medical Commission 2014 in Tromsø**

**10/08/2014 at 11.00 hours**

Present:

Dr Jana M. Bellin, (ENG) Chairperson  
Arthur A. Schuering (NED), Secretary  
Jonathan Speelman (ENG), Player's Representative  
Jan Plachetka (SVK), Councillor

Andre White (BAH), Observer  
Salomeja Zaksaitė (LTU), Observer  
David Jarrett (ENG), Observer  
Dr Naeem H. Mirza (PAK), Observer

1. The Chairperson opens the meeting.
2. Apologies have been received from Dr H.J. Hofstetter and Prof. T. Ganz.
3. Compliance with WADA code. WADA confirms that FIDE is in full compliance with the WADA code.
4. The Chairperson reports about the activities during the last year.
5. New FIDE Anti-Doping Regulations. WADA is revising its Code and revising its compliance rules. WADA undertook a complete review of its Code and produced a model document of approximately 90 pages. Sport Accord is an intermediary between WADA and international sports federations. Sport Accord has made a special version of the WADA code for chess. David Jarrett did a lot of work to implement Sport Accord's suggestions and incorporate them into the revised FIDE Anti-Doping Regulations. The Chairperson thanks David Jarrett for his work. The most significant change is that after the first serious doping offence the player's unavailability period is doubled from 2 years to 4 years. The FIDE Medical Commission is not unduly concerned about this change as in the 11 years of FIDE testing there has never been a positive test. There were some positive tests reported by national federations with lower sanctions. Further, it is necessary in the new Code to be more specific with regard to testing pools, the events where FIDE should be testing and the level of players eligible to be tested. The Medical Commission will send the last draft of the FIDE Anti-Doping Regulations to Sport Accord for final remarks. The Medical Commission will ask the General Assembly to mandate the final text of the FIDE Anti-Doping Regulations to the Presidential Board at the beginning of November 2014 for approval and assent. The new Anti-Doping Regulations will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.
6. Testing Pool. There is a limited Testing Pool; at present there are 15 players in the FIDE Testing Pool.

7. Review of doping test 2013 and first half of 2014. In 2013 FIDE conducted 16 doping tests; 14 in-competition tests and 2 out-of-competition tests. Further, Sport Accord conducted 6 tests in chess. There were no operational problems and all tests were negative. There has been testing in the Female World Championship Match, the Open World Championship Match, the European Teams Championship and the Candidates Tournament. FIDE will conduct doping tests during the 2014 Tromso Olympiad.
8. National Federation Reporting. A number of chess federations have reported testing activities with no adverse results. One federation reported a positive finding and informed us that the appropriate actions had been taken. The transgression was deemed to be minor. The national federations of Cuba and Hungary have submitted extensive reports. The Medical Commission requests the national federations to submit statistical information concerning doping tests and their results, even if the tests are negative and reveal no transgressions.
9. Anti-Doping education programme. FIDE has an anti-doping education programme, which is published on the FIDE website. Further, education activities are being conducted during the 2014 Tromso Olympiad where two presentations will be given concerning anti-doping policy, nutrition and exercise.
10. Any other business. Mr Speelman inquires what is the required deadline for TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) submission prior to a competitive event. The Chairperson answers that it is 1 month before the event. Mr White asks if there are substances of special relevance for chess doping. Chairperson answers that caffeine is on the monitoring list but not prohibited. Mr Plachetka asks if alcohol is on the prohibited list. The Chairperson answers that alcohol is not on the prohibited list for chess.

Dr J.M. Bellin, FRCA

Chairperson

A.A. Schuering

Secretary